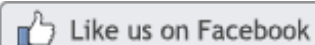


Greetings!

Welcome to Christ Lutheran e-news, a weekly electronic newsletter which highlights programs and activities of our congregation. Feel free to [share with family and friends](#).



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And just like that, it is Advent! Or so it seems.

This coming Sunday we begin a new Church year, with the beginning of the season of Advent.

Local members and friends of CLC should watch for a packet before Sunday containing several items intended to draw us closer as a community, even as we are unable to gather in person.

Announcements

While we all miss being able to worship together in our beautiful nave -- our sacred space -- the Worship, Music and Visual Arts Committee is preparing to offer hours for personal meditation during this holy season of hope and expectation. Hours will soon be posted for times when the space, prepared for Advent, will be open for individual prayer and meditation.

Music Notes

Tom Berryman, Music Director

You may remember song leader, Nick Page, who led a compelling Gospel service last Fall at Christ Lutheran. Some years ago Nick introduced me to the gospel song, "Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving" in one of his annual all-school sings at St. Mark's.

You can [watch and listen](#) to an outpouring of thanks in a dynamic YouTube performance by Dr. Charles G. Hayes and the award winning Cosmopolitan Church of Prayer Choir from their home location in south Chicago.

"Every day is a day of thanksgiving! God's been so good to me, every day he's blessing me. Take the time to glorify the Lord today!"

Youth Notes

Gail Weston-Roberts, Youth and Family Services Coordinator

Calling CLC young people: On Christmas Eve, Christ Lutheran Church will gather by Zoom for a service of lessons and carols, and we're looking for readers to offer several of the nine Scriptures that evening. Would you consider? Contact Gail Weston-Roberts or Pr. Bourret if you're willing to read one. Thank you!

Adult Formation



On each of the Sundays of Advent we'll be offering a virtual Agape Feast at 9:00 a.m., just before our regular worship. The feast is a holy meal- simple fare of coffee and buns, or tea and scones, or anything else that is enjoyable without being elaborate -- with music, Scripture, prayer, and holy conversation. We'll begin at 9:00 and conclude by 9:45. An invitation with the Zoom link will be sent on Saturday. Join us!

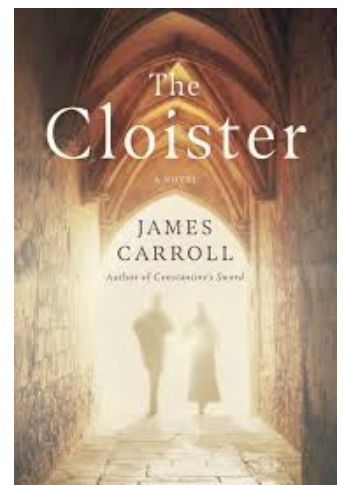
CLC Book Group

Monday, December 7, 7:30 pm

For its latest selection, the book group is reading *The Cloister*, James Carroll's compelling novel that moves from twelfth century Paris and the ill-fated love of Héloïse and Abelard to twentieth century New York and the developing friendship of Father Michael Kavanaugh and museum docent, Rachel Vedette.

"Spanning centuries and continents, *The Cloister* tells the story of four characters ahead of their time, questioning faith, identity, and love against a background of historical upheaval."

Contact Marianne Swenson, mwsenson10@comcast.net to be added to the meeting.



Call to Action

Saturday, December 5, 7:00 - 8:30pm



Join us for a night of inspirational seasonal music with Livingston Taylor, James Montgomery, Ellis Paul, Chris Trapper, Phil Stacy and many local favorites.

In place of our annual Keep the Promise gala, we are bringing our supporters together virtually to enjoy sounds of the season, hear from some of our families in our program and to continue keeping the promise to support families facing homelessness.

Click here to [learn more about the concert and to register for the show](#).

Order take out dinner from one of our partnering restaurants, Burtons Grill in Framingham, call in your order 774-540-6005 or order online at Lombardo's To Go.

We also have our [20 for 20 Raffle to win \\$5000](#) and our Keep the Promise Online Auction on November 23. Please join us in celebration on December 5th. It will be a fun, festive and inspiring evening and we hope to see you then.

CLC's scheduled Family Promise Host week is here, **November 22 - 29, 2020**. In lieu of the many services we would normally provide, please consider donating "old fashioned" gift cards, not electronic, in small denominations (\$10 - 25) to any local grocery, pharmacy or general store. Suggested stores include Target, Walmart, and Stop and Shop. Gift cards should be mailed to Family Promise at 6 Mulligan St, Natick, MA 01760. You can also [donate directly to FPM](#), who will purchase the gift cards for the families. Either way, make sure to indicate your donation is from Christ Lutheran and is intended for use during our scheduled host week, November 22-29. No donations of goods, prepared foods, or groceries, please. Many thanks to all for your continued support of this important ministry!

Looking Ahead

On **Sunday, December 13 at 5:00** we'll be lighting a large, outdoor Christmas tree, and gathering 'round to hum a few Christmas carols. Watch for a registration link, as we'll be limiting the number in accordance with Massachusetts guidelines.

Our thanks to Audrey Colson for so generously providing the tree, and Bruce Schnepfer and team for erecting it.



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

First Week of Advent
November 29, 2020

Isiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Sing For Joy

Enhance your understanding of the weekly scripture readings by listening to [Sing For Joy](#) from St. Olaf College. The Sing For Joy radio program, produced by St. Olaf College, has a simple mission: to explore the weekly themes of Christian worship by providing the best in sacred choral music and thoughtful commentary. The musical performances eloquently "do the talking," while the concise remarks from host Pastor Bruce Benson illuminate the meaning of the texts.

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